

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of treating rheumatoid arthritis, the method comprising administering to a subject an effective amount of a siRNA of Use of nucleotide sequence antisense to the resistin mRNA or parts thereof, or siRNA in the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis,
2. (Currently Amended) The method ~~use~~ according to claim 1, wherein the siRNA comprises 15 to 50 ribonucleotides, ~~preferably 18 to 45 ribonucleotides, more preferably 18 to 40 ribonucleotides, even more preferred 18 to 35 ribonucleotides, still more preferred 18 to 30 ribonucleotides and most preferred 18 to 25 ribonucleotides.~~
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) The method ~~use~~ according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, wherein the siRNA agent is administered via injection or via the lung.
5. (Currently Amended) The method ~~use~~ according to claim 4, wherein the siRNA agent is formulated as a solution, suspension, emulsion, spray, or aerosol.
6. (Cancelled)